

I am retired and on a fixed income. The Democrats in Hartford do not care that Connecticut is a very expensive place to live and a horrible place to retire. The only reason I am staying here is that my children are nearby. However, if financially pushed to the brink, I will get the hell out of this state. There is no reason to stay here. It's just taxes and traffic! Connecticut has the highest utility rates, a progressive gas tax that will continue to go up as oil passes \$100/barrel headed to \$150 barrel. We have an income tax, property tax, and a sales tax. We have taxes on items that other states that do not tax like clothing, alcohol, car washes and clothes cleaning. What are you going to tax next??? You give us a tax free week up to \$100! what a joke! Just keep the money. If you spend \$500 you save \$30 given that they are under \$100. Why cap it? You tried to put 60 toll stations until the people stood up and said no. You finally got legalized gambling and marijuana. These were too late, and should have been done earlier. I don't smoke that crap but if people are going to use it, you might as well make money on it. Can you give the people of Connecticut a pittance by rolling back the sales tax slightly and a small reduction in the prepared food tax with was a blatant money grab? You should have kept it at 6.35%. We need a break!!! You need to think about the hard working tax payers in this state, instead of all the freeloaders that don't pay a dime. You are going to raise the bottle bill to 10 cents/item. That is nothing more than a tax. Since Covid there are very few places to bring them back. Why don't you fix that and eliminate it. We'll put them in the recycling. This is a tax and spend state!

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